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AUDITOR ADOPTS REGULATIONS FOR THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

SACRAMENTO, CA (October 20, 2009) – Elaine Howle, the California State Auditor, has posted regulations that will define the application process for creating the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Proposition 11, the Voters FIRST Act, changed the process by which the State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts are drawn. The Voters FIRST Act essentially transfers the responsibility to draw the lines from the Legislature to a new 14-member commission made up of citizens from throughout California. The State Auditor is charged with establishing a process for individuals to apply to become members of the Commission and with assessing the applicants to create an applicant pool of 60 of the most qualified applicants. The 14 commissioners are selected from that pool. Issuing regulations is the first step in the process. Applications can be filed with the State Auditor's Office from December 15, 2009 through February 12, 2010.

"The publication of these regulations continues a process that will allow qualified voters from throughout California an unprecedented opportunity to draw the lines for their elected state representatives. I invite and encourage citizens throughout the State to participate in this process" said Elaine M. Howle, California State Auditor. "Right now you can get up-to-date information on the State Auditor's Web site at www.WeDrawtheLines.ca.gov."

The auditor has plans for additional public and press activities, citizen outreach, a separate redistricting Web site and many other programs aimed at attracting as many qualified applicants as possible.

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